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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Thuy Pardo

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

1. Claims 1-20 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Cherrington et al.** (Hereinafter "Cherrington") US Patent No. 6,070,155, in view of **Melick et al.** (Hereinafter "Melick") US Patent Application No. 2001/0047283.

As to claim 1, Cherrington teaches a method of providing a receipt inspection reporting process comprising:

receiving receipt inspection reporting data via a receipt inspection reporting system [inspection report, ab; col. 10, lines 45 to col. 11, lines 33; 804 of fig. 8]; and

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storing the received receipt inspection reporting data in a database [customer/inspection database, 24 of fig. 1; 654 of fig. 6B; col. 8, lines 30-44], the receipt inspection reporting data configured for access using the receipt inspection reporting system [ab; col. 8, lines 10-44], wherein the stored receipt inspection reporting data is assigned different categories of defect [the inspection requests information different categories of defect, such as on the brake pedal, the parking brake, the panel lights and the wheels of the vehicle, see col. 14, lines 58-66, and col. 11, lines 43-49]; and

wherein the receipt inspection reporting data is processed via multi-layers [inspection results form different fields, 206, 208, 210 of fig. 2] for review and approval being reported [generates an inspection report after the inspection results have been inputs, ab; 902-914 of fig. 9; col. 4, lines 61-64; col. 8, lines 45 to col. 9, lines 27].

However, Cherrington does not explicitly teach that the inspection report system is applied in Internet. Melick teaches that the inspection report system is applied in Internet [0038; 0046; 0071; 0078].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to add the feature of Cherrington to the system of Melick as an essential means to expand the services of inspection reporting and tracking among a large number of parties located throughout the world.

As to claim 2, Cherrington and Melick teach the invention substantially as claimed. Melick further teaches updating automatically the stored receipt inspection reporting data upon receiving updated receipt inspection reporting data [ab; 0074; 0077, claim 1].

As to claim 3, Cherrington and Melick teach the invention substantially as claimed. Melick further teaches that the receipt inspection reporting data comprises information relating to one or more of defects or damages for a shipment of goods [0013; fig. 12].

As to claim 4, Cherrington and Melick teach the invention substantially as claimed. Cherrington further teaches inputting receipt inspection reporting data for storing in the database [col. 4, lines 25-32; col. 8, lines 30-44].

As to claim 5, all limitations of this claim have been addressed in the analysis above, and this claim is rejected on that basis.

As to claim 6, Cherrington and Melick teach the invention substantially as claimed. Melick further teaches entering additional receipt inspection reporting data using a plurality of predetermined data entry fields provided as part of the web-based receipt inspection reporting system [0013; 0074].

As to claim 7, Cherrington and Melick teach the invention substantially as claimed. Melick further teaches entering new receipt inspection reporting data using a plurality of predetermined data entry fields provided as part of the web-based receipt inspection reporting system [fig. 6, 9, 12] .

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As to claim 8, Cherrington and Melick teach the invention substantially as claimed. Melick further teaches at least one of receipt inspection reporting shipment information, receipt inspection reporting log information, receipt inspection reporting defect information, receipt inspection reporting damage information and receipt inspection reporting correspondence information [fig. 12].

As to claim 9, Cherrington and Melick teach the invention substantially as claimed. Cherrington further teaches searching and outputting receipt inspection reporting data based upon user defined search criteria [fig. 6]

As to claim 10, Cherrington and Melick teach the invention substantially as claimed. Cherrington further teaches that the web-based receipt inspection reporting system is configured to provide a predetermined list of defect codes for use in searching [col. 14, lines 58 to col. 15, lines 22; col. 22, lines 57 to col. 23, lines 17].

As to claims 11-20, all limitations of these claims have been addressed in the analysis above, and these claims are rejected on that basis.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

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Applicant argues that neither Cherrington nor Melick teach the feature that the receipt inspection report data is processed via multi-layers for review and approval before being reported.

As to this point, Examiner respectfully disagrees. Examiner believes that this feature was taught by Cherrington. Cherrington teaches generating an inspection report or a recommended/suggested services report after entering inspection results from different fields such as brake inspection results, suspension inspection results and exhaust inspection results [206, 208, 210 of fig. 2], in which the inspection results were calculated based on inspection guidelines retrieved from the inspection guideline database and measurements and specifications database [ab; fig. 9; col. 4, lines 61-64; col. 8, lines 45 to col. 9, lines 27].

4. Applicant's arguments filed on March 08, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy Pardo, whose telephone number is 571-272-4082. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Gaffin, can be reached at 571-272-4146.

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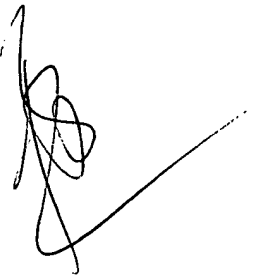
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April 04, 2006

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**THUY N. PARDO
PRIMARY EXAMINER**